(c) 302 SC/ST candidates were called to appear for the Test.

(d) The interviews are in hand and the process is likely to be completed by the end of September, 1986.

Hydrogen plant at Gujarat Refinery

1724. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation has decided to set up Hydrogen Plant at Gujarat Refinery complex,

(b) whether any notices have been issued for inviting tender therefor;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard, alongwith the details of capacity of the proposed units and the names of the companies and firms who have been notified for submitting tenders for the project; and

(d) what shall be the source of finance for the said project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Adequate provision for the project has been made in the Indian Oil Corporation's Seventh Plan.

Prosecution launched against Indexport

1725. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a prosecution was launched sometime back against Indexport, a 100 per cent subsidiary of the Hindustan Lever Limited for hoarding and unauthorised transactions; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the progress of the case instituted in that behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Guidelines to Industry to curb pollution

1726. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any detailed guidelines have been laid down by his Ministry for the various industries to take effective measures to curb pollution; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) With a view to ensure that the various industries take effective measures to curb pollution, a number of steps have been taken by the Government.

(I) In the letter of intent issued to undertakings for setting up fresh industrial capacities, a condition is invariably stipulated to ensure that the undertakings take adequate steps to the satisfaction of the Government to prevent air, water and soil pollution.

(II) In respect of chemicals, drugs and pharmaceuticals industries which involve "process hazards" an additional condition is imposed in the indusirial approvals to ensure safety in plants before going into trial production. In respect of the 20 highly polluting industries, the following stringent conditions have also been incorporated in the letters of intent issued to the undertakings:

(i) The State Director of Industries confirms that the site of the project

has been approved from the environmental angle by the competent State authority;

(ii) The entrepreneur commits both to the State Government and the Central Government that he will install the appropriate equipments and implement the prescribed measures for the prevention and control of pollution;

(iii) The concerned State Pollution Control Board has certified that the proposal meets with the environmental requirements and that the equipments installed or proposed to be installed are adequate and appropriate to the requirements.

Letters of intent are converted into industrial licences after that the prescribed conditions are fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Government.

(III) The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) has also since been passed on 23rd May, 1986 to provide for protection and improvement of environment and prevention of hazards to human beings, other living creatures, plants and property. Stringent penal provisions of Act and Rules made thereunder.

These steps have facilitated Government in prevailing upon the industries to install adequate and appropriate pollution control equipments to prevent environmental pollution and also in discouraging polluting industries being set up in ecologically sensitive areas.

Bhatnagar Committee on Public Undertakings

1727. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the Bhatnagar Committee on revision of pay-scales have been implemented in any Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) whether any proposals were received from Cotton Corporation of India Limited and Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited for revision of pay-scales of their executives on the basis of the Bhatnagar Committee Report;

(c) whether Government have taken any final decision on the recommendations of Bhatnagar Committee for its implementation in all the Public Sector Undertakings, irrespective of any proposal being made by other Public Sector Undertakings; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) Revised scales of pay and allowances based on the recommendations of the Bhatnagar Committee have been approved by the Government in respect of supervisors and executives of 12 public enterprises.

(b) to (d) The employees union and officers association of several public enterprises including those of cotton Corporation of India and the Hindustan Steelworks Construction Co. Ltd. filed writ petitions in the Supreme Court and the various High Courts against changing over to the industrial DA pattern. In compliance of the orders passed by the Supreme Court on 14.3.86, Central Government has constituted a High Power Committee with Mr. Justice P. N. Shinghal as Chairman and Mr. A. K. Majumdar as Member to go into various aspects relating to pay scales and other incidental matters such as additional DA, interim relief and other allowances relating to employees working in the public enterprises governed by Central Government pattern pay-scale and Dearness Allowance. Further action in the matter will be taken after the recommendations of the High Power Committee are available.